GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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RISE IN CEMENT PRICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cement companies have recently hiked the prices of cement and reduced production to sustain the hike;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has issued any fresh directives to the cement manufacturing companies to bring down the cement prices;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to stabilise the cement prices in the country; and

(f) the extent to which the cement prices have been brought down as a result of these measures?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : The average all India retail price of cement has increased by 3.98% during last year. The production of cement has increased by 5.87% during the period April-August, 2008 as compared to April-August, 2007.

(c) & (d) : No Sir.

(e) & (f) : Do not arise.